

REMARKS

Claims 4, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 17 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 4 and 10 have been amended to recite that the sheets forming the claimed container are flat based on, for example, the Figures and associated disclosure in the specification.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Wakamatsu et al. (US 4,667,814).

In addition, claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wakamatsu et al.

Further, claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Yamada et al. (US 5,143,763).

Finally, claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamada et al. (US 5,143,763).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and submit that neither Wakamatsu nor Yamada discloses, teaches or suggests the claimed container made of two sheets.

More specifically Wakamatsu discloses a cup-like structure, which is different from the claimed container formed of two flat sheets. In addition, Yamada discloses a laminate and thus does not disclose a container formed of two flat sheets joined together at their peripheries or a removing agent contained in the container.

For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentable over the cited art, and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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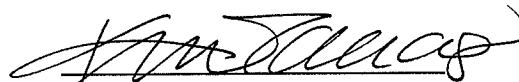
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of claims 4, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 17 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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